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CURRENT TRIALS REVEAL RESISTANCE, POLITICAL MOVEMENTS

DEATH SENTENCE FOR MURATA GANG MEMBERS -- Trybuna Ludu, No 114, 26 Apr 50

The District Military Court in Lodz sentenced the following members of the Murata gang to death for murdering officials of the Citizen's Militia and unarmed citizens, and for perpetrating robberies:

Kazimierz Szczepanski, alias Rydwan and Wicher; Zenon Grzegorski, alias Wisla; Jozef Colinski, alias Zarycz; Michal Wojtczak, alias Zbigniew; Czeslaw Gorecki, alias Rzedzian, and Stanislaw Marczak, alias Tomek.

ARMED BAND ATTACKS CITIZEN'S MILITIA OFFICER -- Dziennik Polski, No 114, 26 Apr 50

Several armed bandits attempted to terrorize and disarm a member of the Citizen's Militia in the vicinity of the Wisla River in Krakow. However, the bandits were routed and pursued by the militiaman and passers-by. A young worker who aided in the pursuit was killed. One of the bandits was also killed and the others were apprehended. All of the captured bandits came from former wealthy Polish families.

ACCUSE SEJM DEPUTY ROCH-KOWALSKI -- Wola Ludu, No 68, 5 Mar 50

On the request of the Minister of Justice, the Sejm approved unanimously that court action be taken against Deputy Franciszek Roch-Kowalski.

The Minister of Justice charged that during 1922 - 1939 Roch-Kowalski co-operated with the Polish Fascist movement in the cities of Wilno, Swieczany, Podgrodzie, Krzemieniec, and Warsaw. Although a member and a leader of the Wyzwolenie party, and successively of the Independent Peasant Party and the revolutionary splinter of the PPS (Polish Socialist Party), he served as informer to the police. His action had led to the arrest of many Left Wing peasants and workers and caused the outlawing of the Independent Peasant Party.

Roch-Kowalski was expelled from the Stronnictwo Ludowe (Peasant Party) on 20 March 1948.

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TO WAIVE PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY FOR SEJM DEPUTY -- Zycie Warszawy, No 90,  
31 Mar 50

On 30 March, the Dean of the Warsaw Lawyers' Guild requested the approval of the Sejm to waive parliamentary immunity in the case of Deputy Bronislaw Kloc as a preliminary step to disciplinary action against him.

The Minister of Justice also requested Sejm approval to start trial proceedings against Deputy Stanislaw Wrona-Merski.

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